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INFORMATION
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1. SUGGEST TOAST ALONG FOLLOWING LINES FOR SECRETARY'S DINNER WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL ON SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 3: BEGIN TEXT QUOTE. WHEN WALTER WAS IN WASHINGTON LAST MONTH, HE WARNED ME THAT TICKETS FOR THE WORLD FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP IN GERMANY THIS SUMMER MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN. HE ADVISED ME TO COME EARLY.SO,AS YOU SEE, HERE I AM. FRANKLY, IT HAS NOT BEEN MUCH EASIER TO GET A COPY OF WALTER'S LATEST HIT RECORDING, "AUF DEM GELBEN WAGEN." IT IS A PARTICULAR PLEASURE TO SEE WALTER IN SUCH GOOD HEALTH AND GOOD SPIRITS AFTER HIS RECENT OPERATION. WE HAVE HAD FREQUENT OCCASIONS TO MEE OVER THE PAST MONTHS, AND WE COULD ALWAYS COUNT ON HIM FOR SOUND JUDGMENT AND BROAD VISION, EXPRESSED WITH HIS UNFAILING GOOD HUMOR. WE ARE ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL THAT
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THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT ARE

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DEVOTING THEMSELVES WITH SUCH ENERGY TO ENERGY. ONGOING GERMAN COOPERATION IN THE ENERGY COORDINATING GROUP WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF JOINT EFFORTS WITH OUR ATLANTIC FRIENDS TO FIND A COMMON SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM. I ASK MY AMERICAN COLLEAGUES TO JOIN ME IN

RAISING THEIR GLASSES TO THE CONTINUING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE FRG, TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR DISCUSSIONS THIS EVENING AND TOMORROW, AND TO THE GOOD HEALTH OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR AND FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY,WALTER SCHEEL.
END QUOTE.
2. EMBASSY BONN HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE EMBASSY IS PROVIDING THE SECRETARY'S PARTY BY NIACT IMMEDIATE CABLE WITH BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON THE PRINCIPAL GERMAN PARTICIPANTS AT THE SECRETARY'S MEETINGS WITH THE CHANCELLOR AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER. CASEY

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